



COMMUNITY NEWS

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Traffic Safety

By Officer Jason Glenn

Traffic Safety continues to be a top priority for all District 3 employees. As a result District 3 police officers have utilized the following enforcement techniques and strategies to enhance driving conditions in our district: deployment of speed display trailers, variable-message sign trailers, photo radar van deployment at identified "high speed areas," utilization of various district resources, numerous enforcement details (including the 101 freeway with DPS and MCSO), motorcycle officers, and commercial vehicle inspection details.

Traffic enforcement is only one aspect of traffic safety. The second is preventive maintenance. Prior to driving your vehicle you should ensure it is in proper operating condition by completing a simple safety check. Everything rides on tire safety. Maintaining proper tire pressure and tire condition are the most important things you can do to avoid tire failure. In the process you will also improve vehicle handling and fuel economy, increase the life of your tires and avoid breakdowns and accidents. Confirm your headlights, break lights, and turning signals are functioning properly. Adjust mirrors, seat, and the steering wheel at levels that are suitable for you.

The third and final aspect to traffic safety is education. To be a good driver you must be a smart driver. Respect and know

MESSAGE FROM COMMANDER DUGGAN



I am pleased to announce August marks the one-year anniversary of our District 3 community newsletter. Throughout the past year we've provided monthly crime prevention tips as well as updates on community-police issues. Our newsletter reaches thousands of District 3 residents, community leaders, and businesses. We are committed to developing safer neighborhoods through community partnerships, and we encourage our readers to pass along the newsletter to friends and neighbors. We also would like to hear from you about topics of interest to be addressed in future editions. We appreciate and value the support we receive from the District 3 community and look forward to strengthening our partnership throughout the year.

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Fast Facts



District 3 Crime Reports January-June 2005

Type	Total	% change from first half 2004
Auto Theft	154	-26%
Burglary from Vehicle	370	+16.4%
Residential Burglary	130	-3.0%
Commercial Burglary	146	+36.4%



Traffic Safety (continued)

the speed limit for the street or highway you are driving on. Obey all traffic signs and indicators. Be especially cognizant of your driving behavior while driving in construction zones. Construction zones may have several signs for you to follow and hazards may be present. Speeding fines are doubled in construction zones. Maintain a safe distance when driving behind large vehicles. By doing so you will keep your "line of sight" clear. Do not drive in the blind spot of other vehicles. Just because you can see the vehicle next to you does not mean the other driver can see you. Visually search for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists, signs, animals, objects in the road, and potholes. Save multitasking for work. Talking on your cell phone, applying makeup, eating your lunch, or reading a map places you, your passengers, and other motorists at risk. Statistics show inattentive driving contributes to 25% of all accidents. Driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs can be deadly. In 2003, there were 7,800 alcohol-related crashes in Arizona. Two hundred and ninety-eight victims were killed in the crashes. Be responsible and save lives by not drinking and driving. Finally, always remember to buckle up for safety. It's the law.

Back to School Traffic Safety

Summer is winding down and thousands of children will return to school. Parents, students, teachers, and residents will be traveling through school zones. Remember city streets that were posted 35 or 45 mph will be posted at 15 mph in school zones. There is no passing in school zones. A motorist approaching the crosswalk shall not proceed at a speed greater than 15 mph between the portable signs indicating "school in session" and "stop when children are in crosswalk." Once you pass the crosswalk, you may proceed at the roadway's posted speed limit.

First Day of School

Cave Creek School District	8-11-05
Paradise Valley School District	8-15-05
Scottsdale School District	8-22-05

If you would like any additional information on crime prevention or traffic safety please do not hesitate to contact me at (480) 312-8802 or e-mail me at iglenn@scottsdaleaz.gov. *Next issue: Identity Theft*

District 3 Traffic Statistics

January-July 2005

Traffic Accidents	696
Hit and Run accidents	87
Driving Under the Influence	202
Fatalities	7

2004 Intersection Collision Data

<u>Street</u>	<u># of collisions</u>
Scottsdale/Cactus	39
Hayden/Cactus	32
Scottsdale /Frank Lloyd Wright	30
Greenway/Frank Lloyd Wright	24

Calendar of Events

8th Annual Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (G.A.I.N.) Kick-Off Event

This is a fun filled evening full of resources, ideas, and raffle prizes. Let us help you plan your next neighborhood G.A.I.N. Night Event!
When: Wednesday, September 14, 2005 from 6:30-8:30p.m.
Where: Scottsdale Center for the Arts, 7380 E. 2nd Street.
For more information call Lisa Cline at (480) 312-7748.

8th Annual G.A.I.N. Night

G.A.I.N. is a statewide annual event designed to unite neighbors and communities to help create safer neighborhoods.
When: Saturday, October 22, 2005
Locations: YOUR Neighborhood
For more information call Lisa Cline at (480) 312-7748.

The Scottsdale Police Department



Wants you!

The Scottsdale Police Department has excellent job opportunities in the following fields: Police Officer, Police Aide, Communications, Detention Officers, Crime Lab, Records, and Crime Scene Specialists. Visit our website at www.scottsdalepd.com or contact Officer Greg Carlin at (480) 312-5384 gcarlin@scottsdaleaz.gov